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York; Dr. D. Jayne & Son, Messrs. Henry Phillips, Jr., and Isaac Myer, Philadelphia; U. S. National Museum, U. S. Geological Survey, Surgeon-General's Office, "The American Monthly Microscopical Journal," Washington, D. C.; University of California, Sacramento.

A photograph was received from the Rev. Dr. George W. Anderson, Bryn Mawr, for the Society's album.

The Special Committee appointed to examine a paper for the Transactions, by Prof. J. C. Branner, entitled "*The Cretaceous and Tertiary Geology of the Sergipe-Alagoas Basin of Brazil*," reported in favor of its publication, and, on motion, the committee was discharged and the paper ordered to be printed.

Mr. Patterson DuBois read, by appointment, an obituary notice of the late James C. Booth.

Dr. Daniel G. Brinton read a paper on "The Language of Palæolithic Man."

Pending nomination No. 1180 was withdrawn.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

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*Stated Meeting, October 19, 1888.*

Present, 15 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

A letter from Mr. J. Sergeant Price, Treasurer of the Society, acknowledging the receipt from the President of the check for \$5000 given to the Society at its last meeting by Miss Emily Phillips.

The President communicated a copy of the letter sent by him to Miss Phillips acknowledging her gift.

A letter from the President of the Society stating that he had appointed as the Committee authorized by the Society at its last meeting to report to the Society rules and regulations

for the "Henry M. Phillips' Prize Essay Fund," the following members—Messrs. Richard Vaux, Chairman, Henry Phillips, Jr., William V. McKean, Furman Sheppard, and Joseph C. Fraley.

Accessions to the Library were reported from the Asiatic Society of Japan, Yokohama; Royal Society of Tasmania; Publishers of the "Naturwissenschaftliche Wochenschrift," Berlin; Mr. Leopold Einstein, Nürnberg; Société Fribourgeoise des Sciences Naturelles, Fribourg; Philological Society, Cambridge, Eng.; Mr. R. A. Macfie, Clinton, Scotland; Boston Society of Civil Engineers; Rev. Edward E. Hale, Roxbury; Board of Directors of City Trusts, American Academy of Music, Pennsylvania Historical Society, Messrs. Henry Phillips, Jr., L. Voission, Philadelphia; Pennsylvania Geological Survey, Harrisburg; University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Société "Alzate," Mexico.

A photograph was received for the Society's album from Prof. Dr. Friedrich Müller, Vienna.

Letters of envoy from the Physikalische Gesellschaft, Berlin; K. Sächsische Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften, Leipzig; Meteorological Office, London; U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

Letters of acknowledgment for 126 and others, from the Institut Egyptien, Cairo (126, 127); Societas pro Fauna and Flora Fennica, Helsingfors (126); Imp. Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg (126); Prof. Dr. Friedrich Müller, Vienna (126); Naturwissenschaften Verein, Regensburg (125); Académie R. Danoise des Sciences et des Lettres, Copenhagen (126); Académie R. des Sciences de Lisbonne (119, 120, 121, 122, 124, and Report on Volapük); Prof. J. D. Whitney, Cambridge, Mass. (126); Prof. J. W. Moore, Easton (126, 127); Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. (two boxes of exchanges); Observatorio Meteorologico Central, Mexico (102, 103, 104, 106, 107, 108, 116, 125, 126); Dr. Jesus Sanchez, Mexico (126).

Letters of acknowledgment for 127 from the Comité Géologique de la Russe, Imp. Academy of Sciences, Russian Geographical Society, St. Petersburg; Dr. Matthæus Much, Vienna;

Berliner Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, Ethnologie und Urgeschichte, Physiologische Gesellschaft, K. P. Meteorologisches Institut, Berlin; Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein zu Bremen; K. Sächsischer Alterthumsverein, Verein für Erdkunde, Dresden; Naturforschende Gesellschaft in Emden; Oberhessische Gesellschaft für Natur und Heilkunde, Giessen; Prof. Japetus S. Steenstrup, Copenhagen; R. Accademia dei Lincei, Rome; Station Séricicole, Montpellier; Société de l'Histoire de France, Paris; Royal Dublin Society; Rev. Edward E. Hale, Roxbury, Mass.; Conn. Historical Society, Hartford; Prof. W. D. Whitney, New Haven; Dr. Charles B. Dudley, Altoona; Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Anderson, Rosemont; Dr. Benjamin Sharp, Philadelphia.

A letter with change address from *Der Naturforscher* to Die Wissenschaftliche Wochenschrift, Berlin (N. W. 6), Preussen.

The Committee on Publication reported that it had examined the paper of Prof. Branner and was of the opinion that it should be published, which, on motion, was so ordered.

The Special Committee appointed to examine a paper for the Transactions by Dr. R. A. Hare, entitled "The Pathology, Clinical History and Diagnosis of Diseases of the Mediastinum other than those of the Heart and Aorta," reported that it was not desirable for publication, being too technical; and, on motion, the Committee was discharged and paper returned to the author.

Dr. D. G. Brinton read, by appointment, an obituary notice of the late Philip Howard Law.

Prof. Cope presented a paper by Charles R. Keyes (Burlington, Iowa), on "The Attachment of Platyceras to Pallio Crinoids and its Effects in Modifying the Form of the Shell."

A paper by Prof. Charles Sprague Sargent, Cambridge, Mass., entitled "The Diary of André Michaux in the United States and Canada, 1785-1796, with an Introduction and Notes," was presented through the Secretaries.

On motion, the paper was referred to a special Committee

of three members to be appointed by the President at his leisure, to examine and report thereon to the Society.

A paper by Mr. James Mooney (Washington, D. C.), entitled "The Funeral Customs of Ireland," was presented through the Secretaries.

The President reported that he had received and paid over to the Treasurer of the Society the sum of \$132.44, quarterly interest on the Michaux Legacy, due October 1, 1888.

The President read a letter in reference to the collection of the same from Drexel, Harjes & Co., Paris, dated August 7, 1888, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That, as the President of the Society has requested to be relieved from the collection of the interest on the French Rentes constituting the Michaux Legacy, Messrs. Drexel, Harjes & Co., of Paris, France, and Messrs. Drexel & Co., of Philadelphia, Pa., be and they are hereby requested and authorized to pay the said interest as it accrues and is collected by them to the Treasurer of the Society.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

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*Stated Meeting, November 2, 1888.*

Present, 7 members.

Vice-President, Dr. RUSCHENBERGER, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

A letter from the K. Sächsischer Alterthumsverein zu Dresden, requesting Proceedings Vol. xx, No. 110.

A circular from Miss Marie A. Brown, requesting pecuniary aid, to enable her to investigate the manuscripts in the Vatican relating to the pre-Columbian discovery of America.

Acknowledgments for Transactions xvi, ii, from the Boston Public Library; Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, Cambridge; American Antiquarian Society, Worcester; Yale University, New Haven; State Library, Albany; Buffalo Li-